WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE



FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE & HEALTH, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

June 23, 2014; 4:00 P.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Tommy Jones, Roger Stewart, James Westbrook, and John Salmon.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Commissioners Eric Owen and Earl Wright.

HEED Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, James Westbrook, Dale Overton, and Mike Medling.

HEED Members Absent: Commissioners David Hawks and Eric Owen.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee and the Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee met jointly on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in the board room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Randy Frazier-Director of Schools, Tami Simpson-Child Nutrition Supervisor, School Board Members – Gordon Morris, Steven Sims, James Roney, Sarah Pentacost, Kimberly Longacre, Gath Meeks, and Steven Vantrease, Patricia Cochran – School Board Secretary, Barbara Castleman – Election Commission Administrator, Larry Taylor – County Commissioner, Julio Freire – UTM Athletic Director, Representatives from the Dresden Enterprise and the Weakley County Press, and Carmen Chandler and Susie Gilbert – Weakley County Citizens.

Chairman Westbrook called the HEED meeting to order at 4:07pm. Chairman Stewart called the FWM meeting to order at 4:07pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer No. 1314-24: This transfer moves \$3,446 from lines 51500-336 (Maintenance & Repair – Equipment) and 51500-349 (Printing, Stationary & Forms) to line 51500-331 (Legal Services) in the Election Commission budget.

HEED: Commissioner Vincent question if this bill was for the pending lawsuit. Mrs. Francisco answered yes. Commissioner Overton made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1314-24 and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

FWM: Commissioner Salmon questioned if this would be the last bill on this case. Mrs. Castleman could not answer this question. Chairman Stewart noted that the lasted appeal had been overturned in the favor of the County. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1314-24 and with a second by Commissioner Stewart the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2014-34

This resolution supports the Hardy M. Graham Stadium Renovation Project and provides financial support for the project. The University of Tennessee at Martin is proposing to renovate the Hardy M. Graham stadium by replacing the seating on the west side, constructing a new press box, a club level, a game box that will include a club suite, media area, chancellor suite, administration spaces and a new hospitality concentration in family and consumer sciences. Officials from UT Martin have requested Weakley County to assist in the stadium improvement fund raising effort by contributing \$150,000 spread over the next several fiscal years to assist in financing this project. This resolution provides \$36,336 received from various municipalities for alcoholic beverage taxes unpaid in prior years to this project at this time.

HEED: Commissioner Medling questioned the wording of "several years". Chairman Westbrook answered that it could be up to five years.

Commissioner Overton made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-34 to the FWM committee and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion unanimously passed.

FWM: Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-34 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

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Resolution No. 2014-40

This resolution realigns revenues and expenditures in the General Purpose School fund.

HEED: Commissioner Overton made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-40 to the FWM committee and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion unanimously passed.

FWM: Chairman Stewart questioned if this resolution was in the 14-15FY budget. Mrs. Francisco answered no. Mr. Frazier noted to the committee that the fund balance had increased this year. He noted that the State will be providing \$335,000 to be spent on technology for the upcoming State required testing. Also, he was able to purchase five buses in the 13-14FY (two Special Ed, 3 regular). Mr. Frazier said that the 13-14 school year saw a change in bus routes. After some evaluation they were able to streamline the routes and to reduce the number of routes by four. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-40 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Salmon the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2014-41

This resolution authorizes budget amendments to realign the estimated revenues and expenditures in the Child Nutrition budget.

HEED: Commissioner Vincent questioned how the revenues could be so far off. Mr. Frazier explained that the loss was due to the County missing nine days due to inclement weather. Mr. Frazier and Mrs. Simpson also explained to the committee that because of this loss of days, the expense for the purchase of food was also reduced. Discussion ended with Commissioner Vincent making the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-41 to the FWM committee and with a second by Commissioner Medling the motion unanimously passed.

FWM: Commissioner Salmon made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2014-41 to the full county commission and with a second by Commissioner Westbrook the motion unanimously passed.

Fund 141 - General Purpose School

HEED: Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to place Fund 141 – General Purpose School on the floor. The motion was made by Commissioner Overton and seconded by Commissioner Vincent.

FWM: Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place Fund 141 – General Purpose School on the floor and to tentatively approve. The motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Salmon.

Chairman Stewart recognized Mr. Frazier who responded to numerous questions from the committee members.

Page 6, Acct. No. 71200 – Special Education: When questioned about the increase in line 399 (Other Contracted Services) Mr. Frazier responded: He will be hiring a psychology intern from Murray State University to fill a recently vacated position. The vacated position expense decrease is reflected on Page 21, Acct. No. 72220 (Special Education Program), line 124 (Psychological Personnel).

Page 14, Acct. No. 72120 – Health Services: Mr. Frazier explained the increase in line 131 (Medical Personnel). He stated that each year this line is over budget due to planned field trips. Some students require a nurse, so a substitute nurse must be hired to stay at the school.

Page 17, Acct. No. 72130 – Other Student Support: Salary increase is for an 80% employee to become 100% due to new regulations. This part-time employee will be accepting new duties and responsibilities.

Commissioner Westbrook questioned if this budget included a 3% raise for non-certified personnel. Mr. Frazier answered yes.

Commissioner Westbrook questioned if there were any lawsuits pending. Mr. Frazier answered that there were two still pending: 1.) a 2004 Special Education lawsuit and 2.) an OCR lawsuit against a teacher that is covered by insurance.

Discussion continued ending with the HEED Committee voting unanimously to tentatively approve the Fund 141 – General Purpose School budget.

FWM Committee voting unanimously to tentatively approve the Fund 141 - General Purpose School budget.

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Fund 142 - School Federal Projects

HEED: Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to place Fund 142 – School Federal Projects on the floor. The motion was made by Commissioner Overton and seconded by Commissioner Vincent.

FWM: Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place Fund 142 – School Federal Projects on the floor and to tentatively approve. The motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Salmon.

Chairman Stewart noted that the budget was within guidelines set by the Federal and State governments. The HEED Committee voted unanimously to tentatively approve the Fund 142 – School Federal Projects budget. FWM Committee voted unanimously to tentatively approve the Fund 142 – School Federal Projects budget.

Fund 143 - Child Nutrition

HEED: Chairman Westbrook called for a motion to place Fund 143 – Child Nutrition on the floor. The motion was made by Commissioner Medling and seconded by Commissioner Vincent.

FWM: Chairman Stewart called for a motion to place Fund 143 – Child Nutrition on the floor and to tentatively approve. The motion was made by Commissioner Westbrook and seconded by Commissioner Jones.

After some discussion on the proposed lunch price increase and the cost of food, HEED Committee voted unanimously to tentatively approve the Fund 143 – Child Nutrition budget.

FWM Committee voted unanimously to tentatively approve the Fund 143 – Child Nutrition budget.

Other Business:

Having no other business Commissioner Overton of the HEED Committee made the motion to adjourn at 5:09 pm and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the motion unanimously passed.

Having no other business Commissioner Salmon of the FWM Committee made the motion to adjourn at with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kellie Thayer, Recording Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Respectfully Submitted.

Shawn Francisco, Recording Secretary Health, Ed., & Eco Development Committee

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Approved:

Roger Stewart, Chairman

Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Date:

James H. Westbrook, Yr., Chairman

Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee

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